number of times the tenders were called in the current year, number of tenders filed and how does the same compare with the preceding two years; and

(d) the number of times irregularities were pointed out in the rules and regulations for awarding contracts by the CA&G in the past and other audit authorities during the last three years and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The DESU Management has held discussions with the representatives of the contractors to sort out their problems. A Committee was also constituted by associating the representatives of the contractors to make suitable recommendations on the various points raised by them. The recommendations of the Committee, particularly on the provisions for price escalation clause in the contracts have already been approved by DESU.

(c) DESU is following the provision of the 'General Contract Act' and the 'Stores and Purchase Manual of DESU' for inviting tenders. DESU has also adopted a system of registration of contractors for awarding the contracts. The contractors are required to submit the bills to the engineering authorities and after necessary checks and verification, the bills are forwarded to the Accounts Department for arranging the payment. In view of the large number of works carried out by the various field divisions of DESU on contract basis, no centralised data about the number of tenders called/filed is maintained by DESU.

(d) According to DESU, no serious irregularities have been pointed out by the C & AG or other audit authorities in this regard. However, the observations made by audit from time to time are looked into by DESU for appropriate action.

Irregularities in Recovery of M.C.D. Dues

1736. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "MCD recovery of dues faulty: CAG" appearing in the Hindustan Times of September 27, 1991;

(b) if so, whether the C&AG, in his report ending March 31, 1990, has detected many irregularities in recovering dues amounting to lakhs of rupees from allottees of commercial units; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not recovering the huge sum of revenue of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and the steps propose to be taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Doordarshan Kendra in Bareilly

1737 SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Doordarshan Kendra/ A.I.R. station is being set up in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh;